

Appln. No.: 10/786,188
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 17-23 and 27-39 are pending. Claims 1-16 and 24-26 have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter recited therein. Claims 28-39 are newly added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the opportunity afforded to Applicants' representative (Mssr. Christopher Spletzer) to have a telephone interview with the Examiner on November 4, 2005.

During the interview it was noted that wire configured to be fed through a capillary tool is typically lubricated (e.g., the wire is lubricated during formation and prior to being wound on a spool).

In the description of the problem to be solved by the invention, JP 11284014 (a reference applied in the Office Action dated August 12, 2005) provides that in order to overcome friction problems, a lubricant may be applied to the front end face of a wire, which is not desirable (See paragraph 5 of JP 11284014). According to the invention, JP 11284014 provides a lubrication layer inside of the path in a tool along which a wire passes (See paragraph 8 of JP 11284014).

Claims 17-20, 23, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11284014.

During the interview it was agreed that independent claims 17 and 27 (as amended) overcome the rejection of record. Thus, absent any additional relevant prior art being located by the Examiner, claims 17 and 27 are in condition for allowance.

Dependent claims 18-23 and 28-39 depend from one of claims 17 and 27 (either directly or indirectly), and are thus also in condition for allowance.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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